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PIR-6189 March 1950 (continued)

Attached herewith is ☐ ☒ "Hungarian Survey" for the period January-February 1950.

Catholic Action of Hungarians

The actual ecclesiastic leader Msgr. Zsigmond MIHALOVICS got from the Cardinal of Chicago the necessary affidavit and so he will probably leave Rome for the States. His successor will be Msgr. ZAGON (ex canon of Gyor, now living in Innsbruck). Baron APOR is insisting in the Vatican to appoint an Apostolic visitor as ecclesiastic authority for the emigrant Catholic priests of Hungary. Unfortunately, the Bishops of Austria, Switzerland and Germany, consulted in the matter by the Holy See, gave unfavorable vetoes to the idea, as they would not let interfere in their ecclesiastic authority as far as Hungarian Catholics are concerned. The Holy See is deciding very reluctantly in this question, as they are fearing repercussions against the Catholic Church in Hungary once the Holy Father would officially recognize the existence of a Hungarian emigrant Catholic Church, even in a mitigated form.

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PIR-5514, 9 January 1950

Attached herewith is ☐ ☒ unprocessed "Hungarian Survey" for the period ending 31 Dec 49.

Catholic Action of Hungarians Abroad

Baron Gabor APOR (Chairman, former Envoy until 1944 to the Holy See) called on Msgr. MONTINI (Under Secretary of State at the Holy See for political affairs) in order to urge the nomination of an "Apostolic Visitor" for all Hungarian priests living outside of Hungary. Only in this way an emigrant Ecclesiastic authority can be created for the Hungarian priests. Otherwise they remain under the authority of the Bishops of the region where they are living and can not be used for the purposes of the Hungarian Catholic emigrant centers as often they are conflicting interests with the Bishops. Baron APOR proposed for this job Msgr. ZAGON (Canon of Gyor, now living in Innsbruck) who is politically clean and not indicted "in contumaciam" as Msgr. MIHALOVICS (who has the intention to emigrate to Chicago). But the Holy See, while agreeing on the matter, did not yet make a decision and is highly uncertain when this measure will be taken.

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